

SOUTHWEST REGION/WASHINGTON COUNTY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT COMMITTEE

Meeting Dates:	January 5, 2009 February 2, 2009 March 2, 2009	Review and Action Plan	Follow-up
Dash Board Items/ Studies:	<p>Placement Stability and Stability of Kinship/Specific placements</p> <p>Substance Abuse</p>	<p>JAN: Continued efforts to recruit families to provide emergency foster care. Committee feels placing children with shelter families does not mean congregate care.</p> <p>Rec'd word from state QIC re: Cohabitation letter. They are working w/legislature on issue. Team members were encouraged to write legislature and indicate that we are looking at family care issues and not alternative lifestyle issues. Small population of people s/be able to care for relatives if deemed appropriate by DCFS. We need homes so badly, shouldn't be restricting entire population from being licensed.</p> <p>Support of Resource Families</p> <p>JAN-MAR: Concern was raised re: substance abuse funding cuts from alcohol sales tax as proposed by Gov. Bulk of this money goes to drug education prevention programs in schools. Few members wrote letters to legislators.</p> <p>Annual Meth Conf will be in SG this year and Drug Endangered Conf will be in SLC in Aug.</p>	<p>Members write legislature w/concerns</p> <p>NEW RFC infrastructure from DCFS will help with this objective. Training held on relationships in March for FP's and professionals. Well attended.</p> <p>Form letter will be used to write legislators and individual members are encouraged to write to subcommittee members of legislature to voice concerns over impacts of budget cuts.</p>

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	Employee Retention	<p>JAN-MAR: Annual Success Event planned for March in conjunction w/National CW Appreciation Month. Debbie needs members to help.</p> <p>Nominations are needed for CW Extrodinaire for each: Supervisor, CPS, FC, DV, In home, and Support</p> <p>March 25, 2009 Success Luncheon held in SG. Greatly attended by DCFS and few community partners. Great feedback on event w/many showing appreciation for efforts of QIC to provide this venue for them.</p>	<p>Chantel, Sarah &amp; Diane will help Debbie with the implementation of event.</p> <p>Supervisors and Community Partners will distribute nomination forms</p> <p>Learned that funds cannot be used anymore for such events. Will have to find new revenue source if this event is to continue to be offered</p>

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	Recruitment of new QIC members	<p>Jan-Mar: Ongoing effort to recruit more community members for our team. Letters were sent out to former FCCRB members to invite to participate.</p> <p>February: New consumer was introduced as a member of the QIC.</p>	<p>Michelle will follow up on letter w/FCCRB members to invite Foster Care Review Board Members to join our Team</p> <p>A renewed focus on employee retention should be made by QIC due to possible hiring freeze</p>
Other Business:	Annual QIC Plan	<p>Jan: Debbie rec'd input from committee regarding 2009 goals. Determined to combine kinship w/plcmt stability</p> <p>Also of concern to committee was discussion about severe budget cuts statewide and the impact this would have on delivery of services to DCFS clients. Of special concern are negative outcomes of prevention programs being cut, and DCFS becoming catch-all. This would seriously impact ability to deliver quality services to children and families.</p>	<p>Committee members will continue to monitor budget and contact legislators if it looks like cuts will substantially impact services.</p>